

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: By Chairman Dennis Himmelberger, on April 3, 2007
at 8:00 A.M., in Room 455 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Dennis Himmelberger, Chairman (R)
Rep. Duane Ankney, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Hal Jacobson, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Debby Barrett (R)
Rep. Gary Branae (D)
Rep. Mary Caferro (D)
Rep. Sue Dickenson (D)
Rep. Gordon R. Hendrick (R)
Rep. Teresa K. Henry (D)
Rep. Pat Ingraham (R)
Rep. William J. Jones (R)
Rep. Bruce Malcolm (R)
Rep. Walter McNutt (R)
Rep. Alan Olson (R)
Rep. Mike Phillips (D)
Rep. Franke Wilmer (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Scott Sales
Rep. Veronica Small-Eastman

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Dee Barfknecht, Committee Secretary
Sheri Heffelfinger, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing: HJR 53
Executive Action: HB 792, HJR 53

HEARING ON HJR 53

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:50 Rep. Wanda Grinde (D), HD 48, opened the hearing on HJR 53, Study revision of campaign finance laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:26 Rep. Diane Sands

EXHIBIT(sth71a01)

00:10:31 Rita Blouke, Vice President, Helena Area League of Women Voters of Montana

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:12:19 Dennis Unsworth, Commissioner of Political Practices

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:14:31 Rep. Phillips

00:15:17 Rep. Grinde

00:15:28 Rep. Wilmer

00:16:23 Rep. Sands

00:17:58 Rep. Malcolm

00:18:48 Rep. Sands

Closing by Sponsor:

00:20:36 Rep. Grinde

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 792

00:21:51 **Motion:** Rep. Ankney moved that **HB 792 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:22:03 Chairman Himmelberger

00:22:24 Rep. McNutt

00:22:58 Chairman Himmelberger

00:23:14 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. McNutt made a substitute motion that **HB 792 BE TABLED.** Substitute motion carried unanimously by voice vote, 18-0. Reps. Sales, Olson, Small-Eastman and Barrett voted by proxy.

Discussion Regarding Committee Study Resolution:

00:23:18 Chairman Himmelberger

00:23:46 Rep. Jacobson

EXHIBIT(sth71a02)

00:25:59 Break

00:57:49 Reconvene

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJR 53

00:58:13 **Motion:** Rep. Branae moved that **HJR 23 BE ADOPTED.**

Discussion:

00:58:36 Rep. Jones

00:58:47 Rep. Henry

00:59:03 Rep. McNutt

01:00:00 Rep. Jones

01:00:47 **Vote:** Motion that **HJR 23 BE ADOPTED** carried by roll call vote, 15-3. Reps. Himmelberger, Malcolm and Sales voted no. Reps. Sales, Olson, Phillips and Small-Eastman voted by proxy.

Additional Discussion Regarding Committee Study Resolution:

01:01:51 Rep. McNutt

01:02:31 Rep. Wilmer

01:03:06 Chairman Himmelberger

01:04:12 Rep. McNutt

01:04:36 Rep. Henry

01:05:56 Rep. Wilmer

01:06:33 Rep. Jones

01:09:33 Rep. McNutt

01:10:09 Rep. Dickenson

01:12:23 Rep. Henry

01:14:51 Rep. Hendrick

01:15:48 Rep. Jacobson

01:17:18 Rep. Dickenson

01:18:13 Rep. Ankney

01:19:47 Rep. McNutt

01:20:55 Chairman Himmelberger

01:21:50 Rep. Olson

01:23:16 Rep. Wilmer

01:23:53 Rep. Olson

01:24:39 Sheri Heffelfinger

01:29:48 Rep. Olson
01:30:58 Rep. Hendrick
01:31:21 Sheri Heffelfinger
01:33:01 Rep. Wilmer
01:33:37 Ms. Heffelfinger
01:34:09 Rep. Wilmer
01:35:14 Rep. Olson
01:35:45 Ms. Heffelfinger
01:37:09 Rep. Barrett
01:38:07 Rep. Wilmer
01:39:06 Chairman Himmelberger
01:39:54 Rep. Henry
01:40:43 Chairman Himmelberger
01:41:44 Rep. McNutt
01:42:50 Rep. Henry
01:43:18 Chairman Himmelberger
01:44:02 Ms. Heffelfinger
01:44:50 Chairman Himmelberger
01:45:36 Ms. Heffelfinger
01:48:15 Chairman Himmelberger
01:48:53 Rep. Caferro
01:49:27 Chairman Himmelberger
01:50:35 Rep. Dickenson
01:49:29 Ms. Heffelfinger
01:49:40 Rep. Olson
01:50:42 Rep. Hendrick

ADJOURNMENT

01:51:33 Adjournment

REP. DENNIS HIMMELBERGER, Chairman

DEE BARFKNECHT, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([sth71aad.pdf](#))